



KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Stephen L. Pruitt
Commissioner of Education

MEMORANDUM

Mary Gwen Wheeler
Louisville
CHAIR

TO: Interested Constituents

Richard Gimmel
Louisville
VICE CHAIR

FROM: Mary Gwen Wheeler, Chair *MCW*
Kentucky Board of Education

William Twyman
Cave City

DATE: December 15, 2017

Roger Marcum
Bardstown

SUBJECT: Nominations for Dr. Johnnie Grissom Award
Submission Deadline January 31, 2018

Samuel Hinkle
Shelbyville

The late Dr. Johnnie Grissom served as a long-time KDE employee in the role of Associate Commissioner for the Office of Special Instructional Services. She provided magnificent commitment, service and leadership striving to help all students achieve at high levels through instructional equity and in closing the achievement gap. As her colleagues, the Department knows firsthand of her passion for equity and opportunity in education.

Milton Seymore
Louisville

The Kentucky Board of Education is proud to announce the seventh annual Dr. Johnnie Grissom Award. This award will be given to a Kentuckian or a Kentucky organization to honor outstanding dedication to improving student achievement and for closing the achievement gap.

Gary Houchens
Bowling Green

Ben Cundiff
Cadiz

Nawanna Privett
Lexington

Alesa Johnson
Somerset

Grayson Boyd
Williamsport

The Board invites your nomination(s) on the enclosed form. Because nominations may come from both organizations and individuals, additional copies of the form may be made and distributed throughout your membership/board. Notice that in addition to completing the nomination form, a brief narrative of 500 words or less describing how the person or organization has exhibited leadership, commitment and service to promoting high student achievement and closing the gap for all Kentucky children at the school, community and/or state levels must be submitted to me no later than **January 31, 2018**.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER
Robert L. King

Thank you for your assistance in identifying and recognizing candidates/organizations that exemplify the characteristics of the late Dr. Johnnie Grissom.

If there are questions about the nomination process, contact Leslie Slaughter at (502) 564-3141, ext. 4808, or via e-mail at leslie.slaughter@education.ky.gov.

Enclosure: Dr. Johnnie Grissom Award Nomination Form

300 Sower Blvd., 5th Floor
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601
(502) 564-3141
FAX: (502) 564-5680

Kentucky Board of Education Dr. Johnnie Grissom Award

This annual award is given in honor of the late Dr. Johnnie Grissom, respected, long-time educator and member of the Kentucky Department of Education. Her commitment, service and leadership were crucial in shaping state-level educational policy to high levels of achievement through instructional equity and in closing the achievement gap for all Kentucky children.

The Dr. Johnnie Grissom Award will be given to a Kentuckian or Kentucky organization that has exhibited the characteristics exhibited by Dr. Grissom.

Nominee Information		
Name _____		
Title _____		
Business Name _____		
Address _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Phone _____	Fax _____	
E-mail _____		
Nominated By		
Name _____		
Address _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Phone _____	Fax _____	
E-mail _____		

In 500 words or less, describe how the individual person or organization nominated has exhibited leadership, commitment and service to promoting high levels of achievement and closing the achievement gap for all Kentucky children at the school, community and/or state levels.

Send nomination form and essay by **January 31, 2018** to:

Kentucky Board of Education
Mary Gwen Wheeler, Chair
300 Sower Boulevard, 5th Floor
Frankfort, KY 40601
E-mail to: kbeawards@education.ky.gov

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